



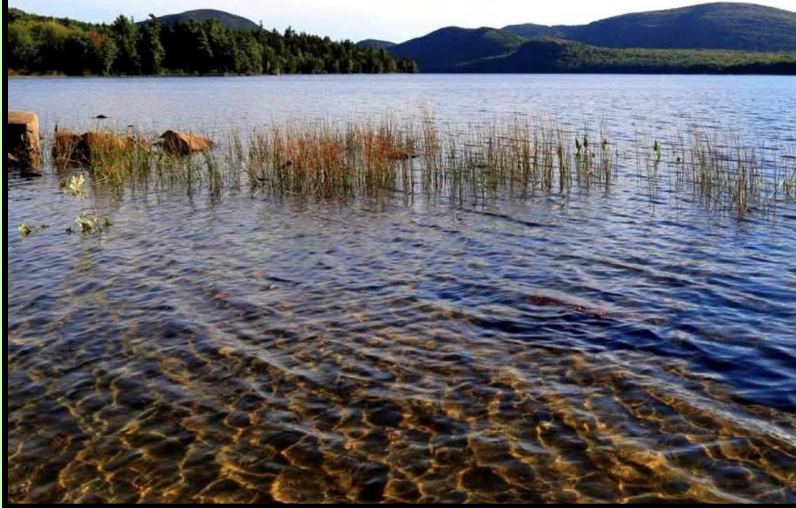
Welcome to Boulder Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 6, 2026

A Service of the Word

The Season of Creation: Coming to the Water

"Do unto those downstream
as you would have those upstream
do unto you." —Wendell Berry



Wendell Berry,
writer,
environmental
activist, cultural
critic, farmer,
8/5/34-8/31/26

Join the service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning:

[Zoom link:](#) or call in: Dial 253 215 8782, then enter Meeting ID: 283 224 109#

Or join us via our audio stream: [Spreaker](#)

Welcome to the worship service today.

We hope it is meaningful for you and welcome you to join us again.

As a Christian community, called by Jesus to be inclusive, caring, and peace-minded, we affirm that people of any race, ethnic identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, age, economic status, or life situation are welcome to be in full participation in our congregation and in our denomination, MC USA.

Boulder Mennonite Church acknowledges that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples. It was inhabited by the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ochethi Sakowin Peoples. We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

GATHERING

Prelude

The Water is Wide

Welcome

***Singing**

Come Away From Rush and Hurry

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***Call to Worship**

Leader: Listen. Let all who are thirsty, come.

Listen carefully. Let *all* who are thirsty, come.

People: We are thirsty, all of us-

the young, the old, the trees, the soil,

the creatures that fly, crawl, and swim--all of us,

sharing a common home and seeking abundant life.

Leader: Together, let us seek and find ourselves, in God's story of shalom.

Centering Prayer

Called by Earth and Sky

***Passing the Peace**

Singing

Seek Ye First

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HEARING

A Moment for All Ages

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1,2

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy food and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, without money, without price! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you will eat well, you will delight in rich fare.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 7:7-12

Ask and keep asking, and you will receive. Seek and keep seeking, and you will find. Knock and keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. **For the one who keeps asking, receives. The one who keeps seeking, finds. And the one who keeps knocking, enters.**

Is there any among you who would hand your daughter a stone when she asked for bread? Would one of you hand your son a snake when he asked for a fish? If you, with all your faults, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will your Abba

God in heaven give good things to those who ask!

Therefore treat others as you would have them treat you. This is the whole meaning of the Law and the prophets.

Sermon

Coming to the Water

RESPONDING

Singing

The Peace of the Earth Be With You

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Offering Invitation/Blessing

Please place your prayer requests in the basket with your offering.

At home: please type your prayer requests into the “Chat” column on Zoom or send them via email at least 2hrs prior to the worship service. Or [click here to donate online.](#)

Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

***Sending Song**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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***Benediction**

*Please stand as you are able



Resources used in worship:

Scripture adapted from The Inclusive Bible, Priests for Equality

Boulder Mennonite is committed to making our worship space sacred for all. Please refrain from taking pictures of people during the service without their consent. Thank you for your sensitivity to everyone, BMC Church Council.

Thanks to all who contributed to our service today!

Speaker: Terry Zimmerly	Prayers of the
Worship Leader: Judy Classen	People: Terry Zimmerly
Moment for All: Susan Graber	Tech Support: Steve Voran
Readers: Douglas Minter, Sandi Sanborn	Greeters: Elvira Glenn, Laura Minter
Music: Bruce Fast, Susan Graber, Tom Jirak	Snacks: Michelene Fast

TODAY at BMC

9:30a Worship
10:45a Snacks and mingling *We are on our summer break, no regular Christian Ed hour until after Labor Day—enjoy the time to visit together!*

PASTOR: Terry Zimmerly, our transitional minister, is generally in the office 9:30 – 2:30, Tuesday – Friday. Appointments/call-aheads are encouraged. Pastor Terry normally takes Monday as a Sabbath. Contact Terry at: terry@bouldermennonite.org / 319-512-8625 (cell)

DEACONS: Cheri Krause: 510-227-9712; Toni Diaz Bachus: 303-579-4290; Douglas Minter: 303-819-5248

CHURCH ADMINSTRATORS: Susan Graber and Cheri Krause – someone is usually in the office part of the day Tuesday through Thursday. *Please call in or email (info@bouldermennonite.org) announcements by Thursday, 8:00am.*

SEASON OF CREATION ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK:

The past few days, in preparation for worship, we have been reflecting on water. For many of us, our water arrives in our daily lives without much thought, at the turn of a faucet. Water is very important to our lives. In Colorado, we have experienced devastating fires. We are in drought conditions and face water restrictions, and yet water is something we use every day and so often take for granted. Reflect on the following questions. There will be opportunity to share during the meditation time.

- 1) As you have reflected on water, what are your thoughts and feelings? How does your body utilize water and need it to survive?
- 2) Where has the water you encountered this week come from? Where is the water going? Where is the source of water for your household?
- 3) How many people's lives depend on this gift of water from this particular source? How many plants and animals utilize water from this water source?

Give thanks to God for the life, sustaining gift of this water, and for God's abundant provision in the lifecycle of your community.

THIS WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS can be accessed [here](#) or via this QR code:
They are also posted on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.



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Boulder Mennonite Church is a vibrant, Jesus-centered community welcoming all people to know God and to be ambassadors of God's love, healing, and peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 6, 2026

Sunday, August 30, 2026:

Attendance: 29, + 4 Online

Offering: \$2,575

THIS WEEK at BMC

- 9/9 Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
- 9/10 Church Council, 5:00, at church/Zoom
- 9/12 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689

NEXT SUNDAY – September 13, 2026:

- 9:30a Worship
- 10:45a Snacks and mingling
- 11:00a Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 2 of the transitional minister interviews
- 4:00p Heretics Group, Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712

Speaker:	Terry Zimmerly
Worship Leader:	Douglas Minter
Moment for All:	Cheri Krause
Readers:	Michelene Fast, Bruce Wheeler
Music:	Susan Graber, Jean McPherson
Prayers of the People:	Douglas Minter
Tech Support:	Steve Voran
Greeters:	Toni Diaz Bachus, Carole Suderman
Snacks:	Jill Minter

COMING UP

- 9/20 School Kit Sunday at BMC! Be here to help assemble our kits!
- 9/23 Meditation Group, 10:00a. Contact: Sandi Sanborn, 720-530-0659
- 9/26 Walking Group, 8:00a. Contacts: Karl Ortman, 303-938-9289 and Steve Voran, 303-250-3689
- 9/27 Farewell picnic for Joan and Ezra Tice after worship
- 10/4 Blessing of the Animals—plan to bring your well-behaved pets to worship, or bring their picture!
- 10/11 Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 3 of the transitional minister interviews
- 10/13 Red Cross Blood Drive at BMC. We will need a few volunteers to help.
- 10/17 Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale, Douglas County Fairgrounds
- 10/18 Heretics Group, 4:00p. Contact: Cheri Krause, 510-227-9712
- 10/25 Hold this date for an afternoon hymn sing at First Mennonite in Denver!
- 11/6-8 Workshop on the Doctrine of Discovery with Sarah Augustine at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church – Register [here](#).

- 11/15 BMC's annual fundraising auction! NOTE that this is a week earlier than usual due to the peace concert we are hosting on 11/21.
- 11/21 Dinner potluck and peace concert at Boulder Mennonite—please plan to attend and help if you can. (note previously this was incorrectly noted as 11/20)
- 7/6-10, '27 MC USA's **MennoCon**, the national convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
8 – Lisa Voss	16 – Susan Graber	1 – Suzanne Classen & Ryan Loewer
9 – Brenda Fox	20 – Alfred Sawatzky	
12 – Jen Dudenhefer	30 – Willburn Taylor	
12 – Miles Mathis		

~PRAYERS~

- ~ for comfort for Mai Wheeler as she deals with her cancer treatment and continues to have health issues—she was briefly hospitalized last week.
- ~ for comfort and medical help for Lisa Voss who had pain in her back and down through her legs and could not be at worship last week. She is having a heart procedure on 9/4.
- ~ for our congregation as we continue through our pastoral transition process and [seek an administrator](#).
- ~ for the people of Nepal and the victims of the landslide and flooding there. MCC is already there providing relief—food, clothes, hygiene products, etc. EPIC is working through MCC. (See announcement per MCC donations, and you may also donate through [EPIC](#).)

~ IN OUR CONGREGATION~

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: Please plan to join us for the important Congregational Meeting next Sunday after worship. This will be the second meeting to discuss Terry's report on his transitional minister interviews. Terry will send out some notes next week to help you prepare for the meeting.

FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: Our committee met recently and we are helping to plan the steps for finding our next settled pastor. We'll keep you updated as we can--here is a list of some events and milestones. (Completed items are striked out.) – Douglas, Joanna, Steve, Susan, Toni

8/27	Committee meeting—organize and start to plan for next steps
8/30	Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 1 of the transitional minister interviews
9/8	Search committee meets with Terry
9/13	Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 2 of the transitional minister interviews
10/11	Congregational Meeting to discuss Part 3 of the transitional minister interviews
TBD	Congregational survey to determine congregational and pastoral priorities
TBD	Ad released for pastor--all aspects of pastoral role must be defined when the ad is released so Amy Zimbleman, our conference minister, can advise potential candidates.

MCC SCHOOL KIT SUNDAY COMING SOON: It's that time of year again when we purchase supplies to assemble school kits, for Mennonite Central Committee, to be shipped to children in countries of special need. We'll assemble the kits during worship on September 20. Such a simple way to make a difference in the education and future of children worldwide! Your generous donations last year made 1,022 school kits (and have made a total of 17,319 school kits over the past 21 years!) We would like to complete 1,000 school kits again this year at a cost of about \$4 to \$5 per kit. To do so, we need EVERYONE's HELP! How? Donate money toward the purchase of school supplies by giving a check made payable to BMC with "MCC School Kits" written on the memo line. You may place your check in the Sunday morning offering; you may give your check directly to Bruce Fast, our treasurer; or donate online by clicking [MCC School Kits | Boulder Mennonite Church](#).

YOUR COINS COUNT! Each year, spare change collected by children, families and churches adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC's work around the world. Bring your loose change and bills and add them to our change jar during our offering time. They'll be delivered to the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale in October. Thank you!

~ ACROSS THE ANABAPTIST COMMUNITY ~

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE RELIEF SALE: We are excited to come together for a wonderful day of community, connection, fun, and support for the life-changing work of MCC! Join us for the [Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale](#) on Saturday, October 17 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds! We still need volunteers! There are lots of different options and shifts available. Please visit our website, <https://rmmcsale.org> for opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact Darcey VanWagner at mdvw@comcast.net.

QUILTOBER AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNO CAMP: There are four quilt retreats to choose from including: UFO I - October 4-7, UFO II - October 7-11, and UFO III - October 20-25, and the Fall Mennonite Quilters Retreat, October 29-Nov. 1. Come enjoy good food, accommodations and fellowship as part of working on a variety of projects. Sharing projects, ideas, tips, techniques, walks and snacks are all part of the time shared together. (Or if you don't quilt, consider volunteering at the camp!) Registration and more info [here](#).

SUPPORT PAUL JOHNSON: As previously announced, the leader of Rocky Mountain Mennonite Disaster Service, Paul Johnson has been diagnosed with Stage IV Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. If you would like to send Paul and his wife, Mary, a card, their address is: Paul and Mary Johnson, 8248 S. Forest Court, Centennial, CO 80122

MCC DISASTER RESPONSE: Mennonite Central Committee is evaluating, working with local partners, and responding to recent disasters, please join us in supporting:

- **Nepal flooding response:** MCC is responding to the impact of deadly flooding in Nepal. Please pray for the people who have been affected by this disaster. MCC is working with local partners to provide food, supplies and trauma support to those in need. We welcome your donations. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding
- **Colombia earthquake:** MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

WEBINAR FROM MCC U.S. NATIONAL PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES: In this webinar, panelists will share how the communities where MCC works are affected by Superpower/Empire domination and global inequalities, and how we can commit to being faithful peacemakers. Join us Sept 21, 9:00 am - 10:30 pm MT Register [here](#).

MEDICARE WEBINARS: Everence Financial will host a series of Medicare webinars this fall. Topics include: when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. Webinars are Sept. 14, Nov. 2, and Dec 14. at noon and 6:00p MT, and Oct. 12 at 6:00p MT. Register and more information [here](#).

MORE WITH LESS COOKBOOK 50th! “With its high nostalgia quotient, the *More-With-Less* cookbook is like the *Goodnight, Moon* of cookbooks in certain circles,” wrote Mary Sprunger in a recent book review. In September, in preparation for the release of the 50th anniversary edition of the cookbook, you can get **40% off these cookbooks** in the World Community Cookbook series, published by Herald Press in partnership with Mennonite Central Committee: *More-with-Less*, *Extending the Table*, and *Simply in Season*. More info [here](#).

FROM MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK:

- **Service Opportunities with Our Partners (SOOP)** offers flexible service terms at 60 locations for individuals ages 25+ and families of all ages. Housing and meals are sometimes provided. From valleys to mountains to shores, [SOOP has diverse and rewarding opportunities](#) for all kinds of interests and skills. Trim roses and trees at an arboretum, work in a library, apply your carpentry skills, teach children—we have a life-changing experience for you that you will never forget.
- [Creation's Beauty, Government's Destruction](#), a report blog from Mark Adams, the co-coordinator at Frontera de Cristo, an organization in Douglas, Arizona that assists migrating people with immediate needs, as well as addressing the causes of mass migration.

UPDATES FROM MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE: Download their quarterly *Courier* newsletter [here](#).

~ IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY ~

ART AND PERFORMANCE IN ANTI-WAR ACTIVISM FILM: Join a screening of the new film, *An Artist Responds to War*, followed by a hands-on Art and Activism Training. This film screening and art workshop offers an inspiring look into the important role of art and performance in antiwar activism. Friday, September 18, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Naropa University Performing Arts Center (PAC), 2130 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, CO. This event is offered by the [Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center](#) and the [Naropa Joanna Macy Center for Resilience & Regeneration](#), as part of the [Boulder Rotary Club Boulder Builds Peace Initiative](#). Info and registration [here](#).

ECOLOGY TIP: If you haven't been to the farmers' market recently, this is a prime time to go! Many fresh vegetable plants are still bearing, and you can support your local farmers, as well as get the freshest food and save on transportation costs. And of course, if your own garden is more productive than what you can use, share those zucchini and tomatoes with those who are not blessed to have a garden!